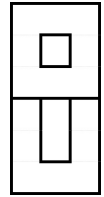

Forcing Oneself Through a Problem Follows After Contemplating Similarities and Differences

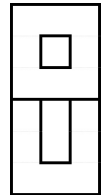
When anyone can Contemplate the Similarities and Differences between some people or some things,
Then, afterward, something will align between them.



In the Procedure of Heaven,
Forcing Oneself Through a Problem means to align, and
Consequently, the Sign of Forcing Oneself Through a Problem follows after the Sign of Contemplating Similarities and Differences.

Lightning and Thunder

I am Lightning; and
I am Thunder.
I am the light shed by Lightning; and
I am the authority of Thunder.

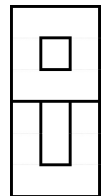


I am Lightning dazzling; and
I am Thunder Shaking.
I am enlightenment; and
I am movement.

I am Lightning and Thunder arranged and aligned.

A Mouth Unable to Chew

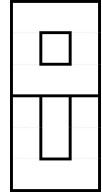
In the figure of Forcing Oneself Through a Problem,
There are firm lines at the top and bottom,
There are soft lines in the center.



The firmness, on the outside, and
The emptiness, at the center,
Are symbolic of a mouth and jaws.

Within the empty center of the mouth,
There is **something in the mouth**, taking up space;
There is one firm line.

This firm line in the center of the empty mouth
Symbolizes **something separating** the upper and lower jaws.



The upper and lower jaws are unable **to align**;
The upper and lower jaws are unable to bite down;
The upper and lower jaws are unable to chew.

In a single family,
In a single state,
In the general world, and
Even in the great number of all affairs;

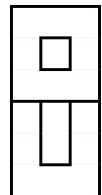
When **there is no alignment**,
When **there is no harmony**,
It is always **because there is something between the people and things**.

If there were nothing between them,
Then, **they would align**.

Even when Heaven and Earth
give birth and bring to completion all things,
Heaven and Earth must align first, and
Then, they will be **successful**.

The Great Function of Bringing Order to the World

The first kings Contemplated the symbols of Light Casting and Sound Moving when
they put their enlightenment and authority into laws.

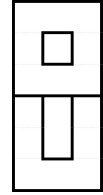


Laws shed light on the principles of affairs;
Laws constitute a line of defense.

The first kings used the symbols to shed light on the punishment and penalties.
The first kings used the symbols to give dominion to their laws and decrees.

I Contemplate the symbols of Light Casting over Sound Moving, and
I unfold all of the many things of the world.

Concerning the mouth,
The figure refers to something separating the jaws,
So the jaws are **unable to align**.



Concerning the world,

The figure refers to **strong dissent**,

The figure refers to **insidious crookedness**.

The **strong dissent and insidious crookedness** make up a space of separation between things.

The space of separation, caused by **the strong dissent and insidious crookedness, is the reason why the affairs of the world are unable to align**.

When things do not align, it is because there is something between those things;

When the Leader and Assistant, father and son, blood relations, and friends **betray or cast each other off, then there is hatred and division between them**; and

When things do not align, an **insidious crookedness has manifested** a space between them.

Separation between things **does great harm** in the world.

The separation **must be gnawed or chewed through**;

Then, the jaws are able to **align**;

The jaws are able to Force Themselves Through the Problem.

If the separation of hatred and insidious crookedness is expelled and driven out,

Then, they will **align** again;

The people and things will **harmonize**.

The progress and growth in accordance with the particular state of affairs occurs when I begin to Force Myself Through the separation.

When I am Forcing Myself Through a Problem,

I am driving out what has manifested to separate things from proper alignment.

How else could the separation between things in the world be driven out if it were not driven out with trials and punishments?

TRIALS

A trial is held to **examine and study someone's falsehoods and inclinations**.

Someone that identifies the inclinations also recognizes **the way that a separation manifests** between things.

When Forcing Oneself Through a Problem **to expel a separation**,

The **acquisition of what is fitting**,

The harmonization and **alignment of duties**, and

The **success** brought to all things

Occurs **when I fully develop and carry out trials.**

At the top, **I am a light that illuminates;**

- Examinations and **trials** bring **harmony and alignment of duties,**
- Examinations and **trials** bring **certainty** of straight connections, and
- Examinations and **trials** bring **success** to *all* things.

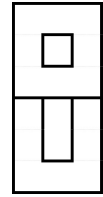
The trial examines and **studies inclinations, virtues, truth and lies.**

When we can identify the ***inclinations,***

Then, we **recognize the way the separation developed,**

We are **better able to provide** the **punishment,** and

We are also better able **to defend against it occurring again.**



PENALTIES AND PUNISHMENTS

When I am Forcing Myself Through a Problem,
It is proper to employ punishments and penalties.

In order to Force Myself Through a Problem and **drive out the separations and spaces** between things in the world,
I must have **control** over punishments and penalties.

Employing punishment is the meaning of Forcing Oneself Through a Problem.

The light of enlightenment is illuminating, and

The authority of the sound is moving.

The two symbols combine to symbolize the carrying out and full development of punishment.

The purpose of the punishment or penalty is to expel or **drive out the cause of separation.**

In **small cases**, the punishment or penalty may be an *admonishment* or *warning*, and

In **great cases**, the punishment or penalty may be execution and death.

After the separation is driven out,

Then, the order of the world may be **brought to completion.**

If I always drive out this separation between things, and

If I always bring these things into alignment,

Then, **everything is harmonious and in order.**

When I am Forcing Myself Through a Problem, I am **the great function of bringing order to the world.**

